



The Illinois Department of Corrections

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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request #190923224

Dear Ms. Best:

This letter is in response to your request to the Illinois Department of Corrections ("IDOC") pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1, et seq.

You have submitted the following request:

Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act., I hereby request the following records:

Records describing, authorizing or mentioning expenses or personnel assignments in response to or accommodation of visits from officials in the federal government between January 1, 2001 and the present.

Response: Your request, as written, is unduly burdensome (5 ILCS 140/3(g)). IDOC employs over 11,000 staff members in over 40 different facilities and locations which could potentially have responsive records. In addition, the time frame provided is too broad to perform a reasonable search. Please narrow the time frame of your request and identify staff members who you believe may have records regarding this issue.

In the event you view this response as a denial of your request, you have a right to have the denial reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You can file your request for review with the PAC to:

Public Access Counselor
Office of the Attorney General
500 South 2nd Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706

You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the state circuit court, pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/11.

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If you choose to file a request for review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this denial letter (5 ILCS 140/9.5(a)). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this denial letter when filing a request for review with the PAC.

Sincerely,
Lisa Weitekamp
Freedom of Information Officer